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SUBJECT: W/W KATRINA FREDERICK, NOV. 15, 1972

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1. SENATORS CRANSTON AND HAYAKAWA INTERESTED.
2. FREDERICK CALLED US AUGUST 11 TO LET US KNOW HOW HE WAS FARING IN EFFORTS TO SECURE RETURN OF CHILD. HE IS HIGHLY DISSATISFIED WITH SWEDISH AUTHORITIES BEHAVIOR IN THIS MATTER. ACCORDING TO HIM, THEY FIRST ASSURED HIM HE IS COMPLETELY RIGHT, BUT THEN STATED THERE IS NOTHING THEY CAN DO TO FORCE THE MOTHER TO DISCLOSE WHEREABOUTS OF CHILD TO HIM. MOTHER REFUSES TO MEET HIM FACE-TO-FACE, ALTHOUGH SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCY IN MALMO IS ATTEMPTING TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET HER IN LAWYER'S OFFICE.
3. FREDERICK ALLEGES THAT WIFE AGREED AT TIME CHILD WAS BORN TO GIVE HIM SOLE CUSTODY OVER CHILD AND SIGNED PRIVATE AGREEMENT WITH HIM WHICH WAS NOTARIZED TO EFFECT THAT, IF CHILD TAKEN BY HER ON VISITS TO SWEDEN, HER RETURN WAS GUARANTEED WITHIN A SET PERIOD OF TIME. HE IS ATTEMPTING TO GET ORIGINAL OF THIS AGREEMENT MAILED TO HIM FROM CALIFORNIA, SO THAT LAWYER CAN USE IT TO REQUEST SWEDISH COURT TO COMPEL MOTHER TO SURRENDER CHILD. HIS LAWYER BELIEVES, HOWEVER, IT WILL TAKE AS MUCH AS TWO OR
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THREE MONTHS TO PURSUE THIS LINE.

4. MEANWHILE, FREDERICK CONTINUES TO FRET OVER SWEDISH INACTION AND TO WARN US THAT HE WILL TAKE MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS IF MATTER CANNOT BE RESOLVED THROUGH COURTS. HE STATES HE IS DETERMINED TO HAVE THE CHILD BACK AND WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS, INCLUDING THE USE OF FORCE, TO RECOVER THE CHILD. HE

ASKED US IF WE COULD USE SOME "CLOUT" WITH SWEDES TO GET THINGS MOVING. CONSULAR OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMPEL SWEDISH AUTHORITIES TO TAKE ACTION IN THIS MATTER, AND ADVISED HIM TO BE PATIENT AND TO KEEP WORKING THROUGH HIS LAWYER.

5. COMPLICATING ASPECT OF FREDERICK CASE IS APPARENT LACK OF PRECEDENT IN SWEDISH COURTS FOR HANDLING A SITUATION IN WHICH ONE PARENT WITHHOLDS ACCESS TO A CHILD TO THE OTHER PARENT WHILE BOTH ARE MARRIED. THEREFORE SWEDISH OFFICIALS ARE UNWILLING TO TAKE STEPS HE WANTS - I.E. POLICE FORCE - TO COMPEL RETURN OF CHILD.
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